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Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

Q: My husband and I live in Cherry Hill Housing. I just spoke with a manager at Aurora Housing Office concerning our neighbors parking directly in front of our house. I told (Aurora) that our neighbors have filled their garages to capacity so they can't use it for parking and continually park in front of our house thus taking up space that was told to us four years ago by Housing, was our excess/visitor parking. These neighbors have an extended size Chevy Truck, a GMC Van, ATVs, and a huge trailer hitch that graces their driveway. I told (Aurora) it isn't fair that our neighbors can over stuff their garages to the point they can't use it for parking and then arbitrarily take up our space as well. They agreed and said they would send a letter to our neighbors asking them to refrain from parking directly in front of our house. That was almost two weeks ago. Today, upon arriving at home, our neighbor parked their van directly in front of our house. I told her that my husband would be home soon and asked her not to park there. She said she didn't care and had to access her home and was going to park there. I asked her about all the other times when they've had their camper and trailer hitches here and they still took up our parking space. I told her it wasn't our fault they have so much stuff that they can't use their own garage. I immediately called housing and was told that no one has designated and/or reserved parking spaces and that parking was a first-come, first-served basis. I told her about my previous conversations, and was informed that the previous person I had spoken with was mistaken and no letters would be sent out to our neighbors. I explained the situation in de-

tail and told her that when we accepted keys to this house, we were told what the parking rules were. They told me Military Housing was no longer overseeing base housing and Aurora's rules were not to reserve parking. I asked about all the campers and trailer hitches that were parked in driveways and in front of houses. They said it was only allowed for 48 hours. I told them these campers have been here for several weeks. They told me to call the security forces and have them patrol the cul-de-sac. They told me to have the active-duty members speak to each other and if that didn't work to go to our respective first sergeants. I called my husband who told me he'd already received a phone call from our neighbor's husband and said they were going to continue to park in front of our house. My husband told him about my conversations with housing so our neighbor decided he should call housing as well. After speaking with my husband, I called the security forces and explained what was going on. They said they understood how I felt and thought it wasn't fair and that they would get started to initiate patrols in our neighborhood for violations. If these people put their trailers and campers in the proper storage, and clean out their garages, they could use their driveways and not take up other parking areas. Please tell me why should I tell my 17 year old daughter who gets home from work late at night that she has to park across the street and walk to her home just because other people have entirely too much stuff and can't use their designated garages and get to take up other spaces as well? It seems to me the courteous thing to do if you stuff your garage, have several huge vehicles, campers, and ATVs and can't use your designated parking, is to park

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:
Lt. Col. Mike Hass, 3rd CES/CC
552-3007
Maj. Mark Allen, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468
Maj. Mitch Bird, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304

on the other side of the street.

A: I can appreciate your problem with parking in your housing area. Common courtesy prevails for overflow parking in all housing areas. While the staff at Aurora sympathizes with any member experiencing such a misunderstanding, each housing resident is entitled to the same privileges in regard to parking. The unassigned curbside overflow parking is available to all residents on a first-come, first-served basis. When issues arise and Aurora gets a complaint or complaints, Aurora encourages residents to try to resolve parking issues among themselves. Aurora has sent letters to you and your neighbor encouraging you to try to resolve this issue. If you are unable to resolve this problem, Aurora Military Housing recommends a meeting at Aurora with both first sergeants present to try to reach an agreement. Aurora has found this method tends to work well.


As for the trailer and ATV, Elmendorf's policy (supported by 3rd Wing Instruction 31-203), is that trailers, whether recreational, boat, or utility, will not be parked in housing areas or dormitory parking lots for periods longer than 48 hours for maintenance and to load/unload before or after trips. They must be parked in authorized base storage areas or an off-base storage facility. Vehicles parked in violation of this policy will receive a traffic ticket. If the vehicle is not removed, the vehicle may be towed and stored at the owner's expense. Normally, the tolerance is 48 hours, however, parked vehicles that impede vehicle/pedestrian traffic, snow removal operation, or pose a safety hazard may be towed immediately if the owner/operator cannot be located.



Mr. Jose Velasquez, 3rd Operations Squadron, airfield operations flight, displayed calm and decisive action as tower controller averting a possible hazardous situation when an F-15E began to experience landing difficulties. He observed the fighter's abnormal landing rollout as it approached the end of the runway, and responded by activating the traffic control light which stopped vehicle traffic on heavily-traveled Arctic Warrior Drive. Mr. Velasquez's timely actions immediately prevented civilian vehicle traffic from being in the direct path of the landing aircraft.

The Exterior Electrical Section, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, coordinated and switched seven high voltage electrical circuits to support the construction of a new on-base 80-megawatt substation for Municipal Light and Power. Meticulous coordination throughout the process resulted in a perfect safety record for 15 exterior linemen while the operation was completed ahead of schedule and without a single electrical outage that would have hindered Elmendorf's mission or affected Elmen-dorf's residents.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Christian, 3rd Maintenance Squadron, accessory flight, displayed outstanding initiative and exceptional maintenance ability when he isolated a low fuel pressure anomaly on one of two assigned AWACS aircraft. He isolated the fault, procured assets, and performed repair actions while the aircraft was off-station. Sergeant Christian's quick response and unwavering mission focus proved paramount in the early resumption of Alaskan NORAD coverage two hours ahead of schedule.



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3rd Wing Moment in History

24 August 1942:



Major Gunn, second from right

Major Paul "Pappy" Gunn, the 3rd Bomb Group maintenance officer, began modifying the A-20 attack aircraft. He had his crew chiefs install additional nose and side mounted machine guns. He also had bomb racks added to the aircraft for low-level attacks. These modifications added to the survivability of the aircrews, in addition to their confidence in the aircraft.

An “Outstanding” on the UCI

It is an attainable goal

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Stenerson
3rd Wing Compliance Inspection Team

Everyone is working hard preparing for the 2006 Pacific Air Forces’ Unit Compliance Inspection; staff assistance visits are being accomplished and self-inspections are being run.

We are dotting our “i”s and crossing our “t”s.

But, the question of the day is, how will we rate and what do we need to do to rate an “Outstanding”?

In short, if you are accomplishing everything outlined in your functional self-inspection checklist and your applicable regulations, your program is probably only satisfactory.

To be considered for an excellent or outstanding, you must show the inspectors how your performance or operation far exceeds mission requirements.

The unit’s overall rating is determined by the team chief considering the individual group level ratings and then applying the Air Force rating criteria.

Take note, that full compliance with directives is only satisfactory.

To achieve a rating higher than

satisfactory, procedures and activities are carried out in a superior manner.

Ratings are based on the following definitions.

Outstanding – The grade given to indicate performance or operation far exceeds mission requirements. Procedures and activities are carried out in a far superior manner. Resources and programs are very efficiently managed and are of exceptional merit. Minimal deficiencies exist.

Excellent – The grade given to indicate performance or operation exceeds mission requirements. Procedures and activities are carried out in a superior manner. Resources and programs are very efficiently managed and relatively free of deficiencies.

Satisfactory – The grade given to indicate performance or operation meets mission requirements. Procedures and activities are carried out in an effective and competent manner. Resources and programs are efficiently managed. Minor deficiencies may exist but do not impede or limit mission accomplishment.

To receive an outstanding rating during the functional inspection, your programs must fit the definition

of being outstanding.
How do you go about this?
Consider one or more of the plans listed below when you are developing your Inspector General in-brief.

PLAN A – Showcase An Initiative

Identify two or three initiatives you have developed in your office.
Do these programs or processes allow you to accomplish the mission more effectively or efficiently?
If the answer is YES, these are the items you want to showcase during your inspection in brief.
Be prepared to discuss how the program works and what impact it has on the mission. The key here is the program must be an innovation outside the scope of what you are required to accomplish.

PLAN B – Showcase Your Processes

Identify two or three significant programs or processes where your performance is superior.
Are these programs efficiently managed?
Do you flawlessly process more “widgets” than any other similar organization?
If you can answer YES, you want to showcase the processes that make this happen and highlight the data to support how efficiently the program

is performing.
Again, these are the items you want to pitch during your inspection in-brief.

Be prepared to discuss how the program works and what impact it has on the mission. Here, the key is demonstrating how effectively the programs or processes are managed or executed.

Do you have a “best practice?” A “best practice” is a superior method or innovative practice that contributes to improved performance of the process.

“Best” may be based on several factors to include but not limited to:

- expert review (for example, assessment, award, AF functional office, or auditing team)
- results are clearly superior to those of comparative organizations
- results are “breakthrough” in efficiency/effectiveness (high return on investment)
- multiple sources agree the practice is superior
- use of the latest technology
- high number of satisfied repeat customers

So, as we prepare, let’s highlight our initiatives and showcase our work.

When the inspectors board their plane to leave, they will know that they inspected the busiest and best Wing in PACAF.

Criminal activity alarms AFPC

Hacker uses legitimate login to gain access to servicemembers’ personal information

The Air Force is notifying more than 33,000 Airmen that a security breach has occurred in the online Assignment Management System.

The notification comes after Air Force Personnel Center officials here alerted Air Force and federal investigators to unusually high activity on a single user’s AMS account in June.

AMS, an online program used for assignment preferences and career management, contains career information on officers and enlisted Airmen, as well as some personal information such as birth dates and Social Security numbers, said Col. Lee Hall, director of assignments at AFPC.

It does not contain personal addresses, phone numbers or specific information about family members.

A malicious user accessed about half of the officer force’s individual information, while only a handful of noncommissioned officers were affected, said Lt. Col. John Clarke, AFPC’s deputy director of personnel data systems.

The individual used a legitimate user’s login information to access and/or download Airmen’s personal information.

“We notified Airmen as quickly as we could while still following crimi-

nal investigation procedures with the (Office of Special Investigations),” said Maj. Gen. Anthony F. Przybyslawski, AFPC commander.

“Protecting Airmen’s personal information is something we take very seriously, and we are doing everything we can to catch and prosecute those responsible under the law.

“We notified the individuals involved, outlining what happened and how they can best insulate themselves from this potential risk,” said general Przybyslawski.

“We’ve taken steps to increase our system security. We’re working with all Air Force agencies to identify vulnerabilities. We must keep our data protected.”

In the meantime, AFPC officials said officers may login to the virtual military personnel flight at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ to see if their information was viewed.

If it was, they will receive a pop-up banner after login which will provide additional information.

The small number of enlisted Airmen who have had their information viewed will be contacted directly.

Airmen may also go online to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click on “AMS Information” to determine if their personal information was

viewed.
Officials also said Airmen may decide to follow Federal Trade Commission guidelines for dealing with identity theft at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html.
Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, beginning Sept. 1, everyone is entitled to one free credit check annually.

To request this free report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com/.
Any Airman who believes he or she has become a victim of identity theft should contact the local base OSI office at 552-2256 and legal office at 552-3046.
(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs)

“Protecting Airmen’s personal information is something we take very seriously, and we are doing everything we can to catch and prosecute those responsible under the law.”

Maj. Gen. Anthony F. Przybyslawski
AFPC commander



Losing stinks...Live to fight

By Lt. Col. Robert “Cricket” Renner
Chief of Safety

The United States of America is at war. We are not fighting for territory or many of the other traditional reasons nations fight wars. Instead, we are fighting a war of ideas. We are fighting for our nation’s ideals and our way of life. This war is neither easy nor will it be short. All of us, including those who are not deploying, are involved in this fight against terrorism. All of us are also involved in another war, both on- and off-duty, whether in Alaska or deployed to some faraway location. In some ways, this other war seems more difficult and protracted; indeed, some may even think it cannot be won. This war I’m talking about now is the war to not only reduce, but bring to ZERO the Air Force’s ground mishaps. While this may seem unattainable, let me give you some statistics, but then more importantly, let me convey some thoughts as the new chief of safety on what we can do about it. We are now nearing the last few weeks of the Air Force’s an-

nual “101 Critical Days of Summer” safety campaign. This safety emphasis began years ago because June has historically been the number one month for killing Airmen (known as Class A fatalities), with July being number two, August third and September fourth. While aircraft accidents can get more media coverage, the truth is that 75 percent of all reportable mishaps are ground mishaps. In those mishaps, humans were the primary cause about 90 percent of the time. So far in fiscal year 2005, 55 Airmen have died in ground mishaps. Tragically, some of these were our friends and co-workers. When I realize these numbers are not just statistics, the importance and immediacy of winning the fight against ground mishaps comes into clear view. As a young fighter pilot, I learned that fighter pilots do almost all things with a wingman, whether it is to go to war, fly a training mission, go downtown to a restaurant in a foreign country, or go fishing at Ship Creek. This is not only because fighter pilots like to hang out with other fighter pilots, but to have and provide mutual support to each other in all areas. When we fly, we “check 6,”

meaning we look behind our aircraft as well as our wingman’s aircraft for enemy aircraft or Surface-to-Air Missiles. Usually, my wingman detects the threat behind me, since I cannot see directly at my own 6 o’clock. Mutual support, therefore, works both ways, I need it and I also provide it. It’s not a “passive” thing; mutual support doesn’t just happen. In flying, I have to continually be turning around in the ejection seat to look behind my formation. I actively ensure I am visual with my wingman to provide mutual support for him, and he is always striving to keep visual with me to provide mutual support in return. You can be a good wingman by being involved in your subordinates’, friends’ and co-workers’ lives. Simply asking their plans for the weekend may check his or her 6, providing mutual support to your wingman. As a minimum, ensure your wingman has answers to the wing commander’s philosophy, three rules to live by: ■ If you’re going to drink, don’t pick up a set of keys ■ If you’re in a car, wear a seat

belt (including in the back seat!). If you’re not in a car, wear your Personal Protective Equipment (helmet, gloves, etc.) ■ Have a plan. Have a wingman. Have a backup for both. Personal risk management theory can seem complicated with formal Operational Risk Management courses. The reality, however, is we do risk management daily in most areas of our lives. For example, when I’m driving to work and see the stop light change from green to yellow, I rapidly assess whether it’s easier to stop at the light based on my speed and the distance to the light or if it’s better to continue through the light. (Many drivers locally, however, assume the yellow light means “speed up to get through the intersection just after the light turns red.”) We need to consciously apply risk management in all areas of our lives. You are a precious resource to your family, friends, and co-workers. Americans don’t like losing. Our country needs you to stay alive to fight, so we can win the war on terror. We must do our part to be a good wingman, and CHECK 6!

Get involved in a child’s education

Your involvement in your child’s education is one of the most critical factors in his or her school success.

From the first day of kindergarten to high school graduation, being a partner with your child’s school is important.

Establishing a good relationship with the school and teachers so you are well informed of their policies and expectations is essential.

Keeping an open line of communication between the home and school so your child’s education is the best it can be is one of the most important parenting steps you take.

Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander, strongly supports parents’ involvement with their children’s schools and fully supports the First Day of School policy which was implemented three years ago on Elmendorf.

That policy encourages parents to take their children into the school-room the first day in uniform and meet the teacher.

The effort is a great start of a year of family involvement in each child’s education.

In 2004 the initiative received praise from both teachers and parents.

“The policy afforded me the opportunity to take both of my boys to their first day of school,” said Tech. Sgt. Mark Rochon, Family Support Center readiness noncommissioned

officer, who participated last year. “It was fun sharing the experience and lessened the anxiety levels and apprehensions that are associated with starting school.

“Being involved right from the beginning made me and my wife feel like we were doing the right thing and made it easier to continue to work with the teachers and school staff throughout the rest of the year,” said Sergeant Rochon.

Visiting the classroom on the first day of school is, as Sergeant Rochon said, just the first step in building a strong parent/school relationship.

Other steps include:

- Get to know your child’s teacher.
- Attend back to school activities such as open house.
- If you need more time to talk with a teacher, make an appointment to describe your child’s strengths and interests and discuss areas where your child may need extra help.
- Provide the teacher with your name, phone numbers, email address (if applicable) and best times to reach you.
- Ask the teacher to keep you informed of your child’s progress and needs.
- Look for ways to volunteer in the school.
- Get involved with parent/teacher organizations and advisory councils.

- Participate in school activities.

Elmendorf has historically supported the national Partnership in Education volunteer program.

PIE is designed to encourage both military and civil service employees to get involved in local education programs through volunteer work with community schools.

Schools can always use help in reading with children, assisting with special projects and field trips, sharing information about places members have lived overseas, playing an instrument, or doing any number of helpful things.

Volunteering in the classroom lets children know that parents value education and classroom help provides more one-on-one for all students.

Although parents’ participation often drops off after the primary grades, students need adult help and role modeling even in high school.

So consider volunteering in the upper grades as well as elementary.

With supervisor’s consent, and if mission requirements allow, the wing policy authorizes military personnel to volunteer four hours per month and civilian employees two hours per pay period with local schools.

To volunteer through Partnership in Education, contact your supervisor for consent to participate during duty hours.

Then contact the Family Support Center at 552-4943 for more infor-

mation and assistance in school selection and program registration.

Jena Bienia, Family Support Center flight chief, encourages parents and children to visit the Anchorage School District website at www.asdk12.org for updated information on the 2005-2006 Back to School Year program, registration information, calendars, bus schedules and activity schedules.

Besides volunteering, show interest by asking questions of your children and teachers:

- Find out what specific courses your child needs in order to apply to college or technical school.
- Talk with counselors and have them explain course work needed to meet your child’s post high school plans.
- Check your child’s homework.
- Make sure your child understands the assignments and completes them on time.
- Visit the classroom, not just on the first day of school but throughout the year.

Be sure to schedule your visit and comply with the school’s security procedures designed to protect your children.

■ Most of all, get involved and stay involved...start by taking your child to school on the first day of class.

(Provided by the Family Support Center)

Arctic Warriors of Week



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SUELLYN NUCKOLLS

Staff Sgt. Gary McNutt

Duty title: 732nd Air Mobility Squadron, electro-environmental specialist
Hometown: Fredericksburg, Va.
Hobbies: Guitar, drums, painting, the outdoors
Mission Contributions: Provides transient maintenance for C-5, C-17 and other Air Mobility Command missions coming through Elmendorf
Time at Elmendorf: One year, five months
Time in the Air Force: Four years, three months
Best part of being in Alaska: Being five minutes from the great outdoors
Supervisor’s comments: “Staff Sgt. McNutt’s can-do attitude is contagious. His knowledge and proficiency continually add to completing AMC’s mission at Elmendorf. He is easily the best electrician on my shift.” Tech. Sgt. David McDonald



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN

James LeDonne

Duty title: 3rd Mission Support Squadron, test control officer
Hometown: New Brighton, Pa.
Hobbies: Golf
Mission Contributions: Ensures all eligible people are afforded the opportunity to take Weighted Airman Promotion System tests during their appropriate testing cycle and provides information and testing for the Armed Forces Classification and Electronic Data Processing Tests, Defense Language Aptitude Battery, Defense Language Proficiency Test, and Air Force Officer Qualifying Test.
Time at Elmendorf: Six years
Time in the Air Force: USAF Retired, 21 years, civil service, four months
Supervisor’s comments: “Mr. LeDonne’s Air Force experience and positive attitude enables the Promotion and Testing Office to provide customers with valuable information which directly affects their future.” 1st Lt. Angela Taravella

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball is Sept. 10 at the Sheraton. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. Military attire is Mess Dress for officers and either Mess Dress or Semi-Formal for enlisted. Civilian attire is Formal.

Child care is provided on location, free of charge.

Tickets are on sale through Sept. 5.

For information on ticket sales contact 1st Lt. David Alvarez at 552-3569 or Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Stanton at 552-0048.

Whooping cough

In coordination with the Ft. Richardson Preventive Medicine Section and the State Health Department, the 3rd Medical Group on Elmendorf is conducting an investigation on a confirmed case of Pertussis (Whooping Cough). The confirmed case was at the Ft. Richardson Child Development Center; all close contacts have been identified and successfully treated. There is no cause for alarm and rest assured that the 3rd MDG Public Health Flight will continue to closely monitor the situation. Parents should ensure that their children are up to date on all their immunizations. Anyone with an unexplained cough lasting two weeks or longer should be evaluated by their Primary Care Manager.

Those thought to be at risk for Pertussis can be readily treated with appropriate antibiotics as prescribed by their PCM.

F/A-22 demonstrator

The F/A-22 Cockpit Demonstrator will be at the Susitna Club Monday-Wednesday,

The cockpit device affords an opportunity to view some of the Raptor’s capabilities in an unclassified forum.

The Lockheed contractors will be able to take groups of up to 15 people (each hour) and show them the cockpit demonstrator.

Contact your unit leadership for more information and scheduling.

2005 Heart Walk

Come support Anchorage Heart Walk Sept. 10. Registration and pre-walk activities begin at the Delaney Park Strip at 9 a.m., and the non-competitive one-mile walk kicks off at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Michelle Sanford at 263-2014. Military members who are interested in participating may contact Lt. Col. David Jones at 552-2820.

Mix ‘n Mingle

Learn how you can mentor a child in as little as one hour per week with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters, supported by Elmendorf’s Partnership in Education initiative with the School Based Program.

Lunch with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program will be provided by Pizza Hut, Aug. 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center.

For more information, call 552-4943.

Holiday greetings

Broadcasters from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service will film Hometown Holiday Greetings on Elmendorf Sept. 16 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Green Lake Chalet.

To make reservations or get directions, call 552-8151, or stop by the public affairs office at Bldg. 10480.

Dining facility closure

The Kenai Dining Facility, located on Arctic Warrior Blvd., will be closed through Feb. 7, 2006.

The Iditarod Dining Facility, located at 7535 Sharp Ave, and the Kenai Flight Kitchen will remain open for business.

Child care providers

Services has more than 50 Child Care Providers in the Family Child Care program.

Any individual conducting child care services in base housing for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be a licensed FCC provider. This is in accordance with Air Force Instructions.

For more information on how to obtain certification, call the FCC office at 552-3995.

B-ball Officials Needed

The Anchorage Sports Officials Association is looking for individuals to train as certified basketball officials for the 2005-2006 season.

For more information and sign-up please contact Tony Colella at 552-8892 or 830-7043.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Sunday Evening Mass:** 7 p.m. at Chapel 2
- **Confession:** 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- **Celebration Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1
- **Fellowship Praise:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

Religious Education

- **Catholic Religious Education:** Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

Arctic Life

Great living in the great land



Goose Lake Trail gets cleaned up

More than 50 volunteers from Elmendorf met at Goose Lake, near the University of Alaska Anchorage campus, to help clear trash, foliage, and other debris from the area.

Saddled with hatchets, saws, chain saws, bow saws, rakes, etc., the volunteers pitched in to help local agencies clear one of the favorite hang outs for the students and local residents.

Above: Erica Murphy, wife of Airman 1st Class Ben Murphy, trims a tree during the clean up.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

Above: Staff Sgt. Todd Delong, 3rd Maintenance Group quality assurance, cuts down a tree.

Below: Sergeant Delong cuts a downed tree into smaller, more manageable sizes to make it easier for other volunteers to come by and pick up the debris and dispose of it properly.



Col. Randy Roberts, commander

Unit Spotlight 3rd Operations Group MISSION:

Mobilizes, deploys, and employs five different squadrons of F-15C, F-15E, C-130H, E-3B, and C-12F/J aircraft worldwide to accomplish air superiority, air battle management, air interdiction, counter narcotics, airlift, and air daily air sovereignty missions to achieve dominant maneuver, precision engagement, and information superiority in support of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pacific Command, Central Command, Southern Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command operations.



Official Mail Center delivers

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Getting the mail to all the locations around base can be a daunting endeavor at best. Members of the 3rd Communications Squadron, Official Mail Center, work hand-in-hand with employees of the United States Postal Service to ensure letters and packages get to the correct location and on time.

Mail is delivered to the base Post Office and OMC at 4 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

In a blur of activity, crates and pallets of mail are sorted for distribution through either the Post Office or the OMC.

The OMC is responsible for executing a daily distribution scheme for activity distribution of- fices, to include all 3rd Wing and tenant units.

They handle and process approximately 29,000 pieces of accountable and nonaccountable of- ficial mail monthly to more than 150 locations throughout the base, via base information transfer system, United States Postal Service, and Federal Express.

A team of more than a dozen military and civilian members work diligently to get mail to base members and ensure mail from base members is properly sorted to go out to the USPS center at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

Added to the normal operations at the USPS and OMC are fluctuations in the volume of mail they process due to deployments, and of course, there's the onslaught of packages and letters that must be processed during the holiday seasons.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN

Information Warriors

Above: Airman Cipriano Babula, 3rd Communications Squadron, mail clerk, hand delivers mail to buildings on-base.

Above right: Airman 1st Class Joshua Day puzzles over shipping information while Amn. Babula reads details from a packing receipt.

Right: Shipments of mail arrive on Elmendorf by truck at the USPS/OMC facility. These packages and letters are hand sorted by USPS for delivery to their proper locations.

Left: Senior Airman Karen Wray, 3rd Medical Group, stops by the OMC to pick up mail for distribution throughout the group.

Above left: Airman 1st Class Justin Weber sorts packages for pickup.



NAF jobs abound

By Mrs. Mary Rall
3rd Services Marketing

The 3rd Services Non-appropriated Fund Human Resources Office can be the first stop on the road to a new career. Many featured employment opportunities can be found in the office located at 10480 22nd St., Room 103. The office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All Services open positions are available on a continuous basis, and the process of applying for any one of them is through application form, downloaded at www.elmendorfservices.com.

A list of positions can be found at the site as well, and complete job descriptions can be reviewed at the NAF-HRO office.

Applicants may apply for as many positions as they choose, and completed applications remain on file at the NAF-HRO for 90 days.

However, an application may be extended for an additional 90 days.

There is a hiring preference with ordered priority being spouse, transition hire, and veteran preferences.

Additional forms are required for applicants claiming a preference.

Although there's always

a wide variety of career opportunities for applicants to choose from, some of the main positions currently in need of staffing are a Marketing commercial sponsorship coordinator, program assistants at the Child Development Centers and the School Age Program, School Age Program motor vehicle operator (laborer), Lodging desk clerks, a supervisory librarian, Services food service workers and cooks and all types of positions at the Hillberg Ski Area.

While the number of career opportunities featured with Services may seem endless, so too are the many benefits that accompany NAF employment.

Permanent employees earn annual and sick leave,

qualify for optional health insurance and life insurance, are eligible for overtime, holiday, and Sunday premium pay when applicable, can enroll in a 401(K) savings plan, are eligible for NAF retirement plan participation after one year of service, qualify for club membership, and can use most Services facilities.

With so many employment options to choose from throughout Services, it would be a shame to pass up an opportunity to bring in some extra cash to finance all of life's necessities, both for play and otherwise.

For more information on application procedures and the many prospects waiting at the NAF-HRO, call 552-4563.



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Build Your Own Sandwich Bar Social Hour, Today from 5-6 p.m. featuring snacks and specials at The Cave and the Kashim Lounge. 753-3131

Open Bowling, Today from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

State Fair Trips, Today from noon to 6 p.m. at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

Couples Event, Today from 4-6 p.m. for \$25 plus green fees at Eagle Glen. 552-3821

Member Mania 2-4-1 Dining, Saturday at the Susitna Cafe. 753-3131

Matanuska Rafting Trip, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. for \$60 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Kids' Korner Make n' Take Ceramics, Saturday from 1-3 p.m. for \$15 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

All Night Xtreme Bowling, Saturday from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$18 per person at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Indian to Girdwood Ride, Saturday at 10 a.m. for \$5

with the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

Sunday Brunch, Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

School Age Program Fall Orientation, Monday from 6-7 p.m. at the Ketchikan Site. 552-5091

Draft Specials, Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at The Igloo at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

H2Oasis Trip, Monday from noon to 6 p.m. for \$25 plus lunch money at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

Men's Pro-Am Golf Tournament, Monday at 12:30 p.m. at Eagle Glen. 552-3821

Red Pin Bowling, Get a strike with a red headpin and receive a free game for every paid game Monday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Road Bike Training Ride, Monday at 5:30 p.m. for free at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

State Fair Trip, Monday at the Youth Center. 552-2266

HBR Fisherman's Challenge, Qualify to win a halibut fishing trip Monday – Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Kayak Pool Training, Tuesday at 8 p.m. for \$25 at the Fitness Center Pool with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Eagle River Rafting, Tuesday at 5 p.m. for \$25 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Bowler Appreciation Night, Enjoy bowling for \$1.75 per game Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Evening Hike, Wednesday 5 p.m. for \$10 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

Wednesday Night Madness, Enjoy unlimited bowling from 5-9 p.m. for \$18 per lane for up to five people at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

State Fair Trips, Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

* Arts and Crafts Center classes must be signed up for three days in advance.

CAMP OUT: Take your camping experience up a notch by enjoying the Manager's A-Liner Special featuring three days for the price of two A-liner camper rentals today - Sunday. This special rate applies to all three days. 552-2023

MOVIE: *Fantastic Four* (PG-13) When an experimental space voyage goes awry, four people are changed by cosmic rays. Together, they use their unique powers to explore the strange aspects of the world, and to foil the evil plans of Doctor Doom. 7 p.m.

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AT THE RACES: Pull up a chair at The Igloo at 3 p.m. to check out the action of the Sharpie 500 at the Bristol Motor Speedway. 552-4108

MOVIE: *Fantastic Four* (PG-13) See above for movie description. 7 p.m.

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XTREME FAMILY: Enjoy Family Xtreme Bowling and get two hours of Xtreme bowling, shoe rental, two pitchers of soda and popcorn for \$30 for up to six people per lane from 1-8 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

MOVIE: *The Island* (PG-13) Lincoln is a resident of a seemingly utopian but contained facility in the mid-21st Century. Like all of the inhabitants of this carefully controlled environment, Lincoln hopes to be chosen to go to the "The Island" – reportedly the last uncontaminated spot on the planet. But Lincoln soon discovers that everything about his existence is a lie. 7p.m.

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WIN CASH & PRIZES: Stop by Services facilities to receive your Pentathlon game pieces and then log onto www.pacfive.com to play and qualify to win \$5,000 in cash and prizes such as iPods and cruise vacations. A complete list of events where pieces can be obtained are listed on the website. 552-5900

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Above: Halftime during a peewee league soccer game on Elmendorf between the Limes and the Blue Jaguars, led to a snack of oranges prior to heading back out to the field.

Below: Devin Curtis, Blue Jaguars, battles with Michael Anderson, Limes, for control of the ball during a soccer game held Aug. 17.



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Above: Stephanie Olmstead, All Stars, minor league, drives the ball down the field against an opponent.

Below: Nathan House, left, watches, as does one of his opponents, as Maria Lilly, All Stars, kicks the ball down the field during a game Monday.



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AF Pioneers of the ‘60s

By **Capt. Tony Wickman**
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ACROSS

- 1. Singer Braxton
- 5. A clutch
- 9. Crushed
- 11. In effect
- 14. ____ Adams; first Lady of the United States (1797-1801)
- 15. Distant relatives
- 17. Deer relative
- 18. Compass dir.
- 19. Terminate
- 20. Path, in short
- 21. Drudgery
- 23. Taj Mahal site
- 24. Ice cream holder
- 25. German Mrs.
- 29. E.T.
- 30. Capt. Harold F. ____; first to aerial recapture space capsule
- 32. Egyptian river
- 33. Environment
- 35. Axe

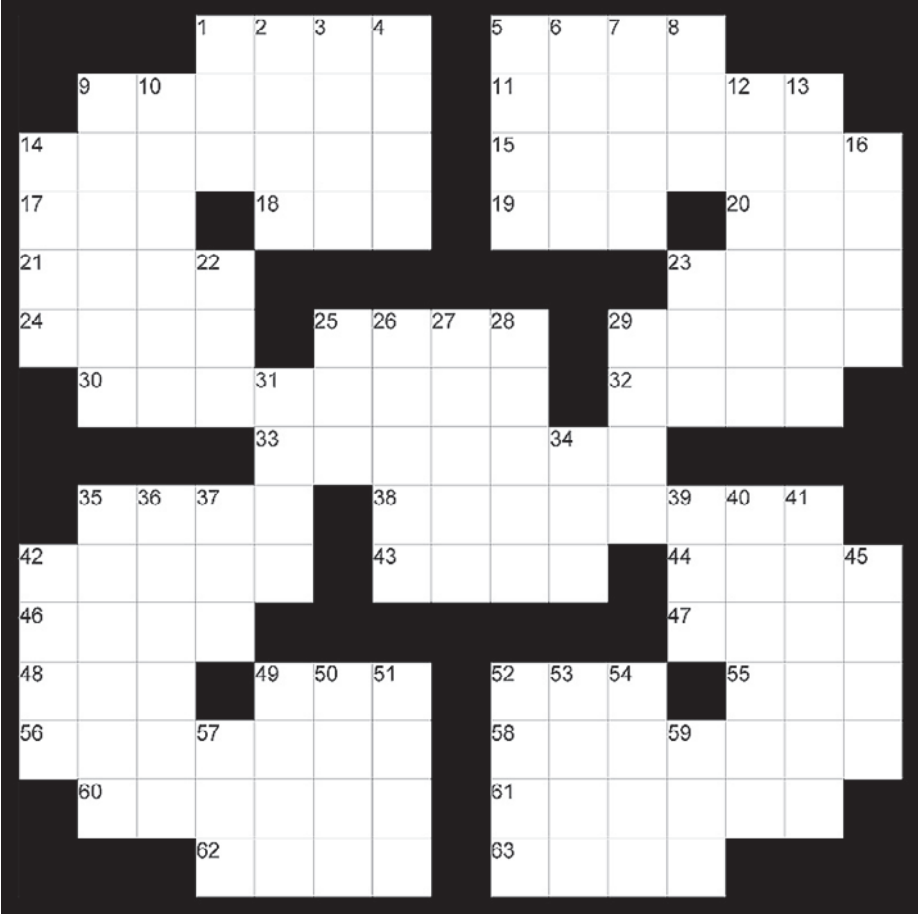


Last week’s solutions

- 38. Lobe decorations
- 42. Scrooge
- 43. Exam for law students, in short
- 44. Thai currency
- 46. Mil. quick
- 47. Servant
- 48. Greek letter
- 49. Fed. flight org.
- 52. Exist
- 55. Epoch
- 56. Dr. Robert ____; 9th SECAF
- 58. A1C John ____; Medal of Honor recipient
- 60. Scholar type
- 61. Cro-Magnon people
- 62. Amphibian
- 63. Orioles star Sammy

DOWN

- 1. Sale item
- 2. USAF base in Korea
- 3. No for 25 ACROSS
- 4. Resting
- 5. Visage
- 6. Image
- 7. Pilaster
- 8. ____ the season...
- 9. Flowering
- 10. South Pacific atoll
- 12. Lt. Col. ____ I. Grissom; USAF Mercury astronaut
- 13. Main dish
- 14. USAF MAJCOM for training
- 16. 1974 Nobel Peace Prize winner
- MacBride
- 22. Allow
- 23. Boxing legend
- 25. Fed. housing org.



- 26. Mutiny
- 27. Pseudonym
- 28. Die-hard
- 29. Against
- 31. Moonstruck actress
- 34. Op or surreal
- 35. Col. Bernard ____; first air commando MoH recipient
- 36. Old Testament prophet
- 37. Dem. opponent
- 39. Shaq’s org.
- 40. Male or female reproductive cell
- 41. Actress Stone
- 42. Charts
- 45. De-ice
- 49. Dim
- 50. From scratch
- 51. Helper, in short
- 52. Sign of regret
- 53. Reclaim property from non-paying buyers, informally
- 54. Day prior to events
- 57. Week starter, in short
- 59. USAF reserve category